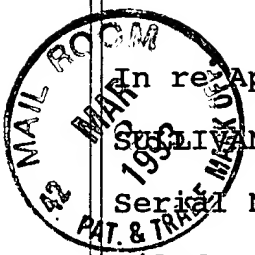


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The above-identified application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/378,925, filed July 12, 1989, which is now abandoned, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 06/659,629, filed October 9, 1984, which matured into U.S. Patent No. 4,849,352.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Copies of the listed documents are of record in the prior application, serial no. 07/378,925, filed July 12, 1989, upon which applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C.

§ 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider

the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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